

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS HOME INSPECTOR REGISTRATION BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF:
DAVID WARD, HI #2066
RESPONDENT**

CONSENT AGREEMENT

A complaint alleging that David Ward, (hereinafter referred to as "the Respondent") with violations of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-52-301, *et seq.*, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") has been received by the **Arkansas Home Inspector Registration Board** (hereinafter referred to as "the Board"). In lieu of a formal hearing on these issues, and in the interest of prompt and speedy settlement of the above-captioned matter, consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements, and the responsibilities of the Board, the undersigned parties enter into this Consent Agreement as a final disposition of this matter. The Respondent admits the following Findings of Fact, and does not contest the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, David Ward, is a registered home inspector with the Board.
2. David Ward and his wife, Haley Ward, are real estate salespersons licensed by the Arkansas Real Estate Commission and are both affiliated with Truman Ball and Associates.
3. The complaint filed against Respondent David Ward included proof of Facebook referrals between David and Haley Ward and between David and Truman Ball and Associates.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

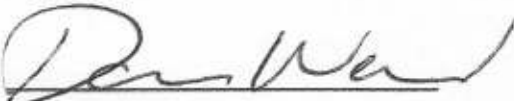
1. Respondent David Ward violated Section 402.1A of the Code of Ethics which states, "Inspectors shall avoid conflicts of interest or activities that compromise, or appear to compromise, professional independence, objectivity, or inspection integrity. Inspectors shall not inspect properties for compensation in which they have, or expect to have, a financial interest."

ORDER

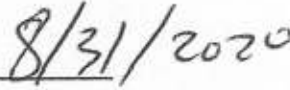
1. Respondent is ordered and agrees not to inspect homes in which he is aware that Haley Ward is representing the buyer or the seller, or a home that is listed by any real estate firm with which he or Haley Ward are associated. This includes not inspecting homes in which other members of the real estate firm represent buyers or sellers.
2. Respondent acknowledges that the allegations in the complaint are an egregious breach of the Code of Ethics governing home inspectors.

3. Respondent is ordered and agrees to review the Code of Ethics found in Section 402 of the rules.
4. The Complainant agrees to dismiss the complaint based upon the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Orders contained herein.

Respondent acknowledges its right to consult with counsel and voluntarily agrees to enter into this Consent Agreement of his own volition and without reliance upon any representations by the Board or any representative thereof, other than expressly set forth herein. Respondent hereby waives any further procedural steps including, without limitation, his right to a hearing and all rights to seek judicial review or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity or enforceability of this Consent Agreement. **This agreement is not effective until approved by the Board.**



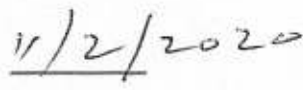
David Ward
Respondent



Date



Gregg Knutson
Attorney for Respondent



Date

Robert Neal, Chairman
Arkansas Home Inspector Registration Board

Date